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August 21, 1972

Mr. Richard Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and participants in Presidential Classroom's first Teachers' Program, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your agency's part in making the Program such a success. It is difficult to convey in writing the excitement that the trips to the C.I.A. generated among our teachers. We were told countless times that it was the highlight of the entire two weeks in Washington, that "nothing Presidential Classroom can schedule from here on in can possibly top C.I.A."

I believe that this type of response was elicited because of the candor and competence with which your staff fielded our teachers' questions. [redacted] is an exceptionally able spokesman; he established an immediate rapport with the teachers by coupling his obvious expertise with a delightful sense of humor. [redacted] were able to effectively complement [redacted] remarks with insights of their own.

Indeed, it is hard to measure [redacted] personal contribution to the success of Presidential Classroom. An instructor for the 1972 Student Program, his dedication and enthusiasm for young people is rediscovered every time I read a student evaluation or critique of the Program. Furthermore, he personally set up the visits for the teachers to C.I.A., making all the arrangements from the speakers to the much-appreciated refreshments. I realize that in order for your agency to accommodate us so graciously, many people behind-the-scenes had to make a special effort on our behalf. I would like to include the bus drivers, the additional security personnel and the projectionist in my thanks.

I am deeply gratified by your interest in Presidential Classroom. Such experiences as ours with C.I.A. can only result in

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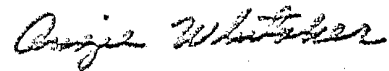
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mutual benefit; many of the teachers went to C.I.A. with preconceived ideas and opinions concerning its role and operation, and I can assure you that they left with an enlightened appreciation that is not only personally invaluable but which will immeasurably enrich their teaching perspective once they return to the classroom.

A copy of the 1973 Student Bulletin has been enclosed for your consideration. May I again thank you and your staff for your very special contribution to the 1972 Teachers' Program and to Presidential Classroom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Angie Whitaker".

Angie Whitaker
Executive Director

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